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### News Summary.

**Foreign.**—Heavy floods in Europe. Assassination society found at Mullingar, Ireland. Lord's Irish troops win another race. 671 Mornings said from Queenstown for New York; how much of this thing is there to be? Louise Michel, the petroleuse, on trial. Malagasy embassy in England. French capture town of Tamatave in Malagasy. and are in a muddle about Tonquin. Italy discusses tariff on works of art; we believe in high taxation on all that are inferior. The Hayti rebellion prospering. Two hundred children lose their lives by a panic in a hall at Sunderland, Eng. Cause: utter stupidity. Mr. Bright defends himself for his Birmingham speech. Mexican Congress adjourns. Mr. Parnell says he will visit America in the fall; we could spare him, but he can't contrive to spare us. The chief G. P. (pronounced if you can) has raised the British ire, so they set his four villages on fire, in western Africa. Turkish expel Armenian families from Marash, Syria. New Peruvian cabinet: South American work; poor glue generally. Imports increasing and exports decreasing in France; an ominous bit of news. Prussian Government arrest Polish revolutionists at Russia's request. Landtag committee approve Prussian Church Bill. Treaty between Peru and Chili "made public" for about the tenth time. Lords Alcester and Wolsley get their little pensions at last.

**Domestic.**—Judge Hoadley nominated for Democratic Governor of Ohio. Missouri has a run on its river banks and a storm in its interior. Phillips Academy centennial, at Exeter, N. H. Rev. Chas. T. Brooks buried at Newport. Excavations begun for pedestal of Bartholdi's statue of Liberty. Gatemans on "Elevated" assaults Dr. Shine; would be a good thing if the case were now and then reversed, several youths on the "Elevated" being taggously supreme for any use. Charles Backus, minstrel, dead. Confederate monument dedicated at Camden, S. C.; thought they already had several more than they needed, but that isn't their opinion. Harvard defeats Columbia College crew at New London. Reservoir of 650,000,000 gallons bursts at Smartville, Cal. Severe rain storms in Alaska. Rifle team sailed on the notice of the Grand Jury. Wong Chin Foo (Chinese live-by-his-wits) arrested for libel; some sort of tea-chest trade that the Chinese American had no business to publish. Ever see the paper? It's a curiosity. McGee, lard-corned, cornered himself and falls, in Chicago; slippery fellow, but they saved their hands. Edwin Booth, actor, arrives. John Gill declared insane. A she-Finnegan stabs the Mahan with a shawl-pin, in Boston. Excursion fights have begun. Dr. Garnet's successor in Shiloh (colored) Church is Rev. Reading B. Johns. Mr. Beecher has now got as far as elective affinities in religion. Sea shore popular. Rev. B. Jenkins, Jr. shoots J. L. Borden, President of Mansfield Female College. La; too much pistol among preachers lately. Two bodies cremated at Washington, Pa. New York Times sued for \$100,000, for libel, by C. C. Duncan. J. G. Bennett pays \$2,500 for Rifle Team—and the advertising results. Cummings outruns Steele in a five-mile contest. Efforts to release Nutt, who shot N. L. Dukes. Ang Belmont gets mad and swears in court. W. H. Vanderbilt drives two of his horses (Maud S. and Adino) to the pole in 2:15. Rev. T. C. Williams, of Manchester, Mass., succeeds Dr. Bellows. J. W. Garrett sends his horse "Damasus" to King Humbert; keep an eye on all these millionaires and on Gould's new yacht!

### About Town.

Mr. George W. Cook and family have gone to Northampton, Mass., for a week's recreation. Mr. Breeden, of Ridgewood Avenue, is to build on the land adjoining his own residence a handsome house in the Queen Anne style, for Mr. Puffer. Mr. Chas. D. Marvin, of Montclair, is the architect. The young caterpillar is preparing to leave his nest for an independent existence. If you don't like him, examine your trees, cut off the webs, and burn them. The pest bids fair to equal that of a year ago. The examinations for promotion at the public schools began on Thursday of this week. The closing exercises at Brookside School will take place at 10:30 o'clock on Thursday morning of next week; those of Berkeley at 1:30 in the afternoon of the same day at the Centre School, Friday, the 29th, at 9:30 A. M. All who wish to join the Fire Association and become members, of the active corps are invited to attend a meeting to be held next Wednesday evening at Wilde's Hall. The organization is to be effected at once, and the number of active members is limited. Mr. James Hall and family will spend the month of August at Ocean Grove. Mrs. George H. Hulin, formerly of Bloomfield, will occupy Dr. Mandeville's cottage at Ocean Park for the season. The Young Men's Union of the German Church have commenced to give a series of reading-nights at their lecture-room, open to all who are of a mind to come and listen to a well-read program of German or English literature. These meetings are held on Wednesday evenings.

Mr. Jas. P. Jones will not occupy his cottage at Point Pleasant this year, having rented it for the summer.

Interviewing the physicians is unprofitable business just now. The health of the community is good and improving.

Some of the young ladies of Rev. Dr. Farrington's church held a fair and sale of fancy articles on Wednesday afternoon and evening in the school rooms adjoining the church. The affair was a very pleasant success, and the sum of seventy-five dollars was added to the treasury of the Sabbath-school. The managers were Misses Gracie Dodd, Anna Beam, Arlie Puffer, Alma Manly, Agnes Farrington, Aida De Milt, Virginia Harrison and Maud Manly, who are quite elated with their success.

Off for the Fatherland: Mr. Henry Lindenmeyr and family sailed for Europe Thursday last on the steamer Gellert; they expect to be absent until October.

The Watessing M. E. Church and Sunday-school will make an excursion to Ocean Grove July 5th.

Mr. Harrison of Beach Street, sent home a handsome little village cart for the small pony belonging to his son and heir. Being geared up in proper style the pony showed fight, and ended by kicking the cart almost into kindling wood, and sending its small master very nearly into hospital. The escape was rather remarkable, and perhaps the big buggy is the safer vehicle.

Miss Kate Morris has returned to her home after an absence of some weeks in Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. J. V. Shaw, of Bloomfield, who has been interested in the manual instruction work of the scholars in this place and in Montclair, was presented last Thursday with a fine cane made of ebony and also with a set of carving tools. These were the gifts of his scholars, to whom he has evidently not failed to teach other thoughts of kindness and beauty besides their regular lessons.

Miss Anna L. Wardis off for a brief visit to friends in Waterbury, Conn.

Mr. Adrian Dickerson has had his residence on the corner of Bloomfield Ave. and Watessing Ave. handsomely painted and his grounds put in trim. The gentleman deserves the thanks of all Bloomfielders, as his house is one of the first of Bloomfield residences which is caught sight of by New Yorkers and others coming out on the Electric Railway.

The spirit of improvement inaugurated in the Franklin Hill neighborhood by the Richards and Farrands has been spreading about those quarters. Mr. D. S. Williams, of Orange, the happy possessor of a large lot on the corner of Newark and Berkeley Aves. has been busy for a number of weeks putting his grounds in shape, and is talking about building a number of houses on them. It is just the thing to do, and they would rent.

The bathing season at the canal aqueduct below the gas works, has been successfully opened by the Sixth Ward boys, as his house is one of the first of Bloomfield residences which is caught sight of by New Yorkers and others coming out on the Electric Railway.

Excursions are now about ripe; consult our advertising columns and take your choice. Long Branch, Ocean Grove, Greentwood Lake, Coney Island; pack up a few sandwiches, a gooseberry pie, and a bottle of milk; take the children, a needle, and some thread. Buy a ticket and go and have a good time.

The work of double-tracking the railroad is not progressing at the rate of "a mile a day," but there are some indications that the track will be ready for use by next winter. Workmen are now engaged in widening the abutments of the bridge between Bloomfield and Watessing.

It is stated that the electric motors will be in operation on the horse railroad between Bloomfield and the stables by the first of July.

Miss M. Alice Peloubet, daughter of Rev. F. N. Peloubet, has recently been married to Prof. Norton, professor of chemistry in the Boston School of Technology.

We note that the rubbish on the burnt corner is being cleared away, and we are informed that at least one lot has been sold, and that a brick building is to be erected.

Mr. Jas. C. Beach and daughter left on Wednesday for Chicago. On the return trip they will visit Cleveland and Niagara Falls.

Mr. Charles Oakes, who sustained a fracture of the leg some four weeks since, is, we learn, rapidly recovering.

### The Fire Association.

The meeting of the Fire Association, on Monday evening, at Wilde's Hall, was well attended. A large number of new members were received. The association voted to procure a hose carriage, and the trustees were authorized to provide ways and means for it at once purchasing the same. The new members are from the bone and sinew of the community—young men of activity, who will greatly help the organization. There is also a very cheerful spirit of co-operation.

### The High School.

The Commencement exercises of the Class of '83 in the Bloomfield High School, will take place in the First Presbyterian Church, Friday evening, June 29, at 8 o'clock. The following will be the programme:

**Music.**  
Prayer—Rev. H. W. Ballantine.  
Salutatory: Duties of American Citizenship.—V. M. Broughton.  
Essay: English Ballad Poetry.—Miss Genevieve B. Morris.

**Music.**  
Essay: Good Old Times.—Miss Florence Farrington.  
Address: Mind your own Business.—Elbert Van Wagoner.

**Music.**  
Essay: Heroic Age of America.—Miss Ella V. Holmes.  
Essay: Classical Studies (with Valedictory).—Miss Addie B. Ventress.

**Music.**  
Presentation of Diplomas.—Dr. Wm. H. White.  
Address.—Rev. Samuel W. Duffield.  
Benediction.

### Regular Meeting of the Township Committee.

The Town Committee held a regular meeting at their rooms on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst., all the members being present.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Health, the matter of constructing a sewer or covered drain along the south side of Orange Street, near Bloomfield Avenue, was referred to the Committee on Roads.

The tax warrant for sale of land for unpaid taxes for year 1881 was signed by the chairman and delivered to the collector.

A declaration of dedication of Thomas Street, together with a map showing the courses and distances of said street, was presented, and upon motion the street was accepted as laid, and the map ordered to be filed with the Township Clerk.

Mr. William R. Weeks, representing the Fire Association, reported the complete organization of that body, and requested the Town Committee to formally recognize them as a Fire Association. No action was taken upon this request, but the matter was left for a future meeting.

Upon motion, it was resolved to accept the sum of \$325 in settlement of taxes upon estate of the late Starr Parsons for the year 1882, and up to and including the year 1882, and the collector reported that this sum had been paid him for that purpose; and the chairman then executed releases of this property from the liens of the previous tax sales.

Mr. Thomas Oakes, the chairman of the citizens' meeting, reported the action of that meeting with regard to a supply of water to be furnished by the Orange Water Company, and also submitted a draft of a contract which the company proposed to make with the township.

An informal discussion of the contract was begun, but owing to the lateness of the hour it was resolved to hold a special meeting for the purpose of considering that matter on Saturday evening of this week.

The committee then adjourned.

### His Eightieth Birthday.

Mr. Alvan H. Dodd is one of Bloomfield's oldest native born citizens. He is not so old, however, we understand, as Mrs. Ballard and Miss Pierson, who are nearly four score and ten; nor is he so old as Mr. Wm. R. Peters, who, however, is not an original native of the town. Mr. Dodd is quite certainly the oldest man born in this place. He bears his years well, and is firm in mind and fairly strong in body. He is a good illustration of the unhealthy nature of a climate which will nourish himself and so many more toward great age.

It was pleasant to him to have his old friends call and congratulate him as they did on Wednesday. One of the first to arrive was Mr. Peters, whose eighty-eight years did not prevent his half-mile walk to the house of his neighbor. Mr. Charles Peloubet also called. During the day very many came and congratulated the recipient of several beautiful gifts. Of his immediate family of children and grandchildren, numbering in all about fifty, there were twenty-seven present. Another branch of the parent stem has taken root in the South, and was too far removed to do more than send loving greetings. We wish Mr. Dodd many happy returns of his birthday. We like to keep him, and all the rest of the veterans, standing proof of the goodness of all this region to people who live quiet and earnest lives. Mr. Dodd not know much about "malaria," he couldn't give us any help on the subject, when we talked with him, by any personal experiences.

### The Orphan's Picnic.

The Newark Protestant Orphan Asylum is an old and worthy institution, which has auxiliaries in Bloomfield and Morristown, and which formerly had its home in New Brunswick and Orange. These last formed institutions of their own, and Newark now depends on the two first named. Of these that in Bloomfield has shown the greatest energy, and is under the presidency of Mrs. R. N. Dodd, with representatives from all the Protestant churches. Each year they give the orphan's picnic at Weaver's Grove, and this year's outing was on Thursday, June 21. The Morris and Essex Canal Company, through the courtesy of its officers, among whom the ladies are particularly grateful to Mr. W. H. Kellogg, placed a couple of repair boats and a boat full of refreshments at the disposal of the orphans. To the number of eighty-eight were loaded from within a block of their home, and had great fun seeing the mud-turtles and other beasts on their watery journey. They arrived at the grove under the charge of Mrs. Lyon (Mrs. Van Vleck, the principal being ill, who was assisted by Miss Ball and Miss Tracy, and accompanied by several of the Newark ladies. A generous supply of food, including ice-cream, cake, and strawberries enough to run up two or three doctors' bills, had been provided by the ladies of Bloomfield. It was remarked that every person who contributed the supplies had done so with great cheerfulness. And when the youngsters finally pulled out for the lock and the inclined plane, the culmination of canning was attained. Capt. Costigan's mules did their duty, and the happy, but tired, orphans gently floated through delightful weather back to their pleasant home. It may be well for the reporter to add, from personal observation, that the orphans are clean orphans, and sing nicely and are well-behaved, and are likely to grow up to be somebody in the world. That, it is said, has been the record in the past.

### The Water Supply.

**CITIZENS' MEETING, FRIDAY EVENING.**  
The invitation of the Township Committee to the citizens of the town to meet them at Library Hall on Friday evening of last week, was accepted by a large number of our people, who in this way showed their active interest in any measures of public improvement to which their representatives wish to call their attention.

The meeting was promptly organized by the election of Mr. Thomas Oakes as chairman and Mr. Chas. M. Davis, as secretary. After reading the call for the meeting, the discussion was opened by Jos. A. Gallagher, Esq., who offered the following:

**Resolved,** That it is the sense of this meeting that a supply of wholesome water, both for public use and for private con-

sumption is needed in Bloomfield; and that the Township Committee be advised to make a contract with the Orange Water Company on terms not less favorable than those made with East Orange for a public water supply, provided said contract does not involve an annual expense for the main system of pipes and hydrants, exceeding the sum of \$3,000, and that further extensions may be stipulated for on the same terms and conditions as are extended to the township of East Orange.

Mr. Gallagher followed his resolution by remarks in which he presented the benefits which our township will receive by the possession of a public water supply.

An energetic discussion then ensued, participated in by Messrs. John Oakes, C. N. Bovee, Jr., Rev. S. W. Duffield, Hon. Amzi Dodd, Rev. Dr. Seibert, V. G. Thomas, Esq., and others, after which Jos. L. Munn, Esq., one of the representatives of the Water Company, was requested to inform the meeting as to the nature and abundance of the water which they furnish to East Orange.

Mr. Munn's remarks were listened to with close attention, and showed clearly that the company had every reason to believe that they could fulfil in every particular the contract which it was proposed to make with our township.

Mr. V. G. Thomas then moved to amend the resolution by directing the Town Committee to make a contract for not less than eight miles of mains.

The discussion of this amendment having developed the fact that our citizens as represented in that meeting were in favor of extending the mains over as many streets as possible, the resolution was finally amended by striking out the \$3,000 limitation, and putting no limitation upon the power of the Town Committee, except the one placed upon them by the law under which they must act.

The resolution as amended was then passed by a nearly unanimous vote, after which the meeting adjourned.

The effect of the amendment is that the committee are requested to make a contract with the company for so many miles of mains and hydrants as they shall consider necessary; provided that the sum to be paid annually shall not exceed \$1 for every inhabitant of the township. As we have now a population of nearly 6,000, it will be seen that eight miles of mains could be contracted for, if in the opinion of the committee so much were needed.

The meeting was one of the best which has been held in Bloomfield, and by its conduct and by its vote showed its readiness to submit to taxation for the substantial improvement of the town.

### Graduating Exercises of the Montclair High School.

A large and appreciative audience gathered at the Congregational Church, on Thursday evening, to witness the closing exercises of this school, in which our citizens were so much interested. Music and flowers added their attractions. The band was stationed in the gallery at the rear of the church; scholars of the High School occupied the pews in the body, with the teachers upon one side; the trustees upon the platform. Flowers, potted ferns, and palms were tastefully displayed.

The graduating class was unusually large, and showed in their demeanor and performance the thorough and careful training which they have received. In style, expression, and ideas, the essays and orations compared favorably with like performances, even in schools of more advanced training, while not a few deserved praise for marked ability in elocution and delivery.

### ORDER OF EXERCISES.

**Music.**  
Specialties, Anna Lord; Warren Hastings, David G. Holmes; Out-of-school Teachers, Annie E. Farmer; Our German Ancestors, W. I. Lincoln Adams; Decline of the Spanish Power, Delia S. Jackson.

**Music.**  
Value of Things that cost Nothing, Laura B. Morris; The Founding of Venice, Russell Carter; Grumblers, Charlotte T. Weeks; Benedict Arnold, O. McKnight Mitchell.

**Music.**  
The Story of a Stone Wall, Grace L. Morrison; Modern Chivalry, Wayland D. Stearns; Discovery of a Lost Art, Kate A. Stocking; Uses of Astronomy, Fannie Wood.

**Music.**  
The Price of Liberty, Una E. Miles; Triumphs of Modern Engineering, William T. Holmes; Coronation of the Czar, Josephine F. Rand; Right versus Expediency—Valedictory—Thomas W. Porter. Conferring of Diplomas.

**Music.**  
As will be noticed, many of the themes were of an historical character, showing much research and care in the collection of material. Among these, the oration of Mr. W. I. L. Adams, gathered from the early history of our German ancestors, was strong in approval of their brave and earnest character and was clearly and forcibly delivered.

The Discovery of a Lost Art was a pathetic account of the efforts of Bernard Palissy to reproduce the beautiful enamel of early times. His subsequent neglect of his family was unsparingly condemned. The Coronation of the Czar, by Miss Jos. F. Rand, is deserving of praise for effectiveness of description, accuracy of expression, and forebodingness of delivery. Somewhat out of the routine of school day performances were the essays upon Grumblers, by Miss Weeks, and that upon Modern Chivalry, by Mr. W. D. Stearns.

Of the former interesting variety of the human species, the audience were told that they have a mission in the world. It is man's privilege and duty to grumble at all practices at war with the best interests of the community. Even when grumblers do nothing themselves, their discontent is powerful in moving others. Yet one should not grumble without reason. It is useless and wrong. We should cheerfully and heartily fill our position in life—some men are born for great things, some men are born for small; but of some it is not recorded why they were born at all.

The "dude" came in for his share of attention in modern chivalry, and was made to appear somewhat ridiculous beside his more sensible and thoughtful neighbor.

We shall make but one criticism in passing—as to the length of some of the essays.

With so large a number to take part, a strict regard to time is extremely important.

Many of the performers received handsome baskets and bouquets of flowers. The class was presented for graduation by Mr. Spaulding, superintendent of the school. The diplomas were awarded by Mr. H. K. Wilmer, president, who addressed the class in a few well-chosen words of counsel and advice.

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